

Torrance, California.  
April 28, 1936.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California on Tuesday evening, April 28, 1936 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Stanger called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of an adjourned meeting of an adjourned regular meeting of April 20, 1936 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication addressed to the City Council from Lorenzo Taricco, regarding accidents at 239th Street and Pennsylvania, and requesting that stop signs be placed, or other means of assuring safety provided for. Referred to Captain John Stroh for investigation and report.

Communication from Mr. T. S. Lovelady, requesting rezoning of Lot 10, Block 17, Torrance Tract, to permit his building a stucco building.

Attorney Rippy stated that a single lot could not be rezoned but that the entire City would have to be rezoned and a scheme of the various zones prepared.

Councilman Powell moved that a committee be appointed to act with the City Engineer and the City Attorney to investigate Mr. Lovelady's request and see what can be done. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Stanger appointed Councilmen Hitchcock and Powell to act with Engineer Leonard and Attorney Rippy.

Clerk Bartlett read a bid from the Western Office Furniture Company on the proposed council table and chairs to be used in the Council Chamber in the new City Hall.

Mr. Dean, of the Western Office Furniture Company, explained the type of table and chairs they would furnish.

After some discussion, Mr. Dean was requested to submit detailed drawing to Mr. Eisen for approval, which he stated he would do on April 29th.

Councilman Tolson then moved that the Western Furniture Company's design for the council table and chairs be approved and that this company be authorized to submit a detailed drawing of the table to the Council at an adjourned meeting to be held May 4th. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 917

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$3682.56 TO THE CALIFORNIA FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LONG BEACH, ASSIGNESS OF THE HOAGLAND ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 917 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 918

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 914 APPROVING LIGHTING FIXTURES SUBMITTED BY SOLAR LIGHTING COMPANY AND AUTHORIZING PETLEY AND MATCHAM, CONTRACTORS, TO LET CONTRACT WITH SOLAR LIGHTING COMPANY

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 918 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 919

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY HALL BUILDING, P.W.A. DOCKET 1174-R.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 919 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 920

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING INCREASE IN GRANT ON CITY HALL AND JAIL BUILDING, P.W.A. DOCKET 1176-R, AND RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS OF REALLOCATION AND DISBURSEMENT OF SAID INCREASE GRANT TOGETHER WITH FUNDS FURNISHED BY THE SAID CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 920 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Stanger stated that a request had been received for a stop sign at 190th Street and Prairie Avenue.

Attorney Rippy presented for its first reading and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 278

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING A BOULEVARD STOP SIGN AT THE NORTH WEST CORNER OF PRAIRIE AVENUE AND 190TH STREET

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 278 be dispensed with. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 278 for its first reading. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

In reply to a question by Councilman Hitchcock, Engineer Leonard stated that the Cedar Avenue improvement is well under way and that the work will be completed in about 30 days.

Councilman Powell moved that the Police, Fire and Light Committee and the Street, Sewers and Parks Committee be allowed necessary expenses incurred in the interest of the City. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell reported that a grove of about 10 or 12 spruce trees are to be removed when the gymnasium is built at the High School, and he suggested that the City pay for their removal and use them at the Park, the water plant, etc.

It was decided to bring this matter up at the adjourned meeting to be held May 4th.

Clerk Bartlett stated that there is a W.P.A. Music Project in Torrance, composed of professional musicians, who desire to have the Council sponsor them in some of their projects. He said they are willing to play for any entertainment.

Mr. Slover, who was in the audience, stated that they were going to play at the Park on Saturday, May 2nd.

Mayor Stanger requested Attorney Rippy to read a report from James L. Beebe, entitled "Transcript of a Portion of the Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, April 13, 1936. Report of the Committee on Governmental Simplification."

Mayor Stanger asked that copies of this report be furnished each of the Councilmen.

Mayor Stanger stated that the P.W.A. is requesting that projects be submitted, particularly for reconstruction work. The reconstruction of the Fire Station, a plunge for the municipal park and other possible projects were discussed.

Mayor Stanger said that the Vista Highlands sewer project will be approved as soon as a tie-in can be made to the Sanitation Sewer north of Torrance Boulevard.

In this regard Engineer Leonard stated that there will be no assessments for this improvement.

Mayor Stanger brought up the matter of a sidewalk in front of the American Legion Building.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$400.00 be transferred from the unallocated fund to the sidewalk fund. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson moved that this sidewalk be put in as soon as possible. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Stanger stated that sidewalks are needed on El Dorado to accommodate the children attending the Fern Avenue School, but that this matter would have to be taken care of in next year's budget.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Fay Parks spoke of the Boy Scouts' Jamboree to be held in Torrance Municipal Park on May 8th and 9th and stated that about \$50.00 will be needed for expenses.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$50.00 be appropriated for the Boy Scout fund. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None.

Mr. Minor asked if it would be possible to put sewers in WALTERIA as a P.W.A. project. Mayor Stanger explained that this would not be possible as there is no outlet for a sewer in WALTERIA.

Mr. Minor also asked if the P.W.A. would fix up the WALTERIA Playground. Mayor Stanger stated that the City Engineer would include this in projects to be worked out in the near future.

Mr. Petley said that the City Hall would be ready for occupancy about the end of May, and that the Library and Assembly Hall will be completed about a week later.

A gentleman in the audience asked if a custodian had been selected for the new buildings, and he was informed that this matter will be taken up by the committee on the buildings at the proper time.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$200.00 be appropriated to cover the expected witness fees on the Damuth condemnation case. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

(Mr. J. C. Smith stated that Mr. Damuth had intimated that the case might be settled out of court.)

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:30 P.M. Councilman Tolson moved that the meeting adjourn to May 4, 1936 at 4:30 P.M. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried.

A. H. Banters  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. Stanger  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.